

REMARKS


This Response is to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2009. Claims 1, 2, 5 to 16 and 25 are being cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in connection with this Response, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any amounts deemed due.

The Office Action indicated that Claims 18 to 22, 24 and 27 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for such allowance.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 5 to 9 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0143352 A1 to Yang et al. ("*Yang*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,674,333 to Spencer ("*Spencer*"); Claims 10 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yang* and *Spencer* as applied to Claims 1, 2, 5 to 9 and 16 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,832,773 to Shaposka et al. ("*Shaposka*"); and Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yang* and *Spencer* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,948,062 to Mahar et al. ("*Mahar*"). Applicants have cancelled each of these claims without prejudice or disclaimer herein and accordingly respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

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